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LETTER DATED 30 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to furnish you with a copy of a letter dated 28 June 1998 from Mr. Venancio de Moura, Minister of External Relations of the Republic of Angola, addressed to the Secretary-General, with the request that it be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 28 June 1998 from the Minister of External Relations of Angola addressed to the Secretary-General

It is with deep and unbound emotion that I have learned of the passing away of the distinguished African diplomat, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Angola, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye.

An unswerving paladin of the African cause, Mr. Beye has always been able to rise to the challenge of his responsibilities in the struggle against all forms of bondage of the African man. In the course of the last five years, he has shown eloquently his ability to intervene on the side of just causes, placing himself with self-abnegation unconditionally on the side of the Angolan people in the search for the restoration of peace, a peace that is denied us by enemies of Africa.

At this juncture of profound grief and consternation, we bow to the memory of the most outstanding paladin of the Angolan peace process. In his memory, I appeal to our Government's counterpart in this difficult effort of peace, the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), to show evidence of self-abnegation and commitment so as to honour the memory of Mr. Beye and all those who have fallen in this struggle.

On behalf of the Angolan diplomatic corps and in my own name, I hereby present my most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, to the distinguished Secretary-General of the United Nations, to the Government and people of the sister Republic of Mali, to the whole of its diplomatic corps and to personnel of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola.

(Signed) Venancio DE MOURA
Minister of External Relations